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## **Senate Confirms Michael M. Anello as Federal Judge for Southern California**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Senate has confirmed President Bush’s nomination of San Diego County Superior Court Judge Michael M. Anello to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. He will have chambers in San Diego.

Judge Anello, 65, was confirmed Friday, September 26, on a voice vote of the Senate. He is expected to receive his commission shortly and will fill a judgeship vacant since September 19, 2007, when U.S. District Judge Napoleon A. Jones, Jr., took senior status.

President Bush has nominated Judge Anello for the judgeship on April 30, 2008. He had his hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 9, 2008, and was favorably reported out of committee on September 25.

Judge Anello was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court in June 1998 by Gov. Pete Wilson and is currently serving his second term on the court. His colleagues elected him to the court’s Executive Committee in January 2002, where he is currently in his fourth two-year term. Judge Anello is one of six judges specially designated to hear all matters arising under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Prior to coming onto the state court bench, Judge Anello was an associate at the San Diego law firm of Todd, Toothacre & Wingert from 1973 to 1974. He was a partner at Wingert, Grebing & Anello, later known as Wingert, Grebing, Anello & Brubaker, from 1974 to 1998. He began his legal career as a deputy city attorney working in the criminal division of the San Diego City Attorney’s Office from 1972 to 1973.

Judge Anello received his B.A. from Bowdoin College in Maine, graduating *cum laude* in 1965. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1968, where he was selected for law review after his first year.

Judge Anello was a program chair for the American Inns of Court, William B. Enright Chapter, from 1993 to 1994, and has been a Master since 1992. He was director of the San Diego Defense Lawyers from 1991 to 1992; director of the San Diego County Bar Association from 1982 to 1984; and vice-president of the bar in 1984.

Judge Anello was a board member on the Greater San Diego County Arthritis Foundation; a founder and former board member of Muirlands Junior High Foundation; and a former board member of La Jolla High Foundation. He was extensively involved in youth sports and coached several baseball and soccer teams in La Jolla Youth Recreation Leagues; served as a division director of La Jolla Youth's Soccer League; and sponsored several teams in the Kearny Mesa and Mira Mesa-Scripps Ranch Pop Warner Football Leagues.

A Vietnam veteran, Judge Anello served in the Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972, leaving active duty at the rank of captain. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as lieutenant colonel in 1990.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California is one of the nation's busiest with 6,197 case filings in 2007. The court, which hears cases in El Centro and San Diego, is authorized 13 judgeships.

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